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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The compound

and salts or a salt thereof.

- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising
  - a. an active agent; and
  - b. the compound of claim 30.
- 33. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmacologic agent and a therapeutic active agent.
- 34. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

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- 35. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.
- 36. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.
- 37. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.
- 38. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.
- 39. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is a hormone.
- 40. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 38, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.
- 41. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bowine growth hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones, interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II, insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies, somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; promolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or may combination thereof.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

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- 43. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 41, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.
- 45. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.
- 46. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormone.
- 47. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form comprising a composition as defined in claim 32; and
  - a. an excipient,
  - b. a diluent,
  - c. a disintegrant,
  - d. a lubricant,
  - e. a plasticizer,
  - f. a colorant.
  - g. a dosing vehicle, or
  - h. any combination thereof.
- 48. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 47, comprising a tablet, a capsule, or a liquid.

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- 49. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a tablet.
- 50. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a capsule.
- 51. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 47, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.
- 52. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.
- 53. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.
- 54. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.
- 55. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active egent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.
- 56. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 55, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.
- 57. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II; insulia; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin;

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cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbia+3, or any combination thereof.

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- 58. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.
- 59. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biolog cally active agent comprises insulin.
- 60. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormones.
- 61. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.
- 62. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.
- 63. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing a composition, said method comprising mixing:
  - a. at least one biologically active agent;
  - b. at least one compound as defined in claim 30; and
  - c. optionally a dosing vehicle.
- 64. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a peptide.
- 65. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologic illy active agent comprises polysaccharide.

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- 66. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 65, wherein said polysaccharide comprises a mixture of muco-polysaccharides.
- 67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbial, or any combination thereof.
- 68. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering to said animal a composition as defined in claim 32.
- 69. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said administration is oral.
- 70. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said animal is a mammal.
- 71. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said mammal is a human.
- 72. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said composition is a solid.
- 73. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent as defined in claim 72, wherein said composition is a tablet or capsule.

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- 75. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 38.
- 76. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 40.
- 77. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 42.
- 78. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 43.
- 79. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 44.
- 80. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 45.
- 81. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an active agent to an animal, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 46.